

unfounded  
of the charges brought against him in the Petition submitted by his wife, am to urge these real ones, that your  
memorialist fears against her, because in either case they  
cannot be supported by the proper proofs, and that your  
honorable Body could not in their wisdom, determine on their  
validity.

Your Memorialist will only state, that a son  
of Public Notoriety, that his Wife, the Mother of his  
children by him, in a fit of jealousy left his House and  
Family in March 1807, was absent about a month, was  
taken back and forgiven, and treated afterwards, notwithstanding  
thinking that such fits with as much tenderness and  
attention; in account of her children, by your Memorialist,  
as before, tho' that the Plaintiff, brought the most rigorous  
and legal woman existing, her friend a companion except

that about four years ago, under pretence of going to see  
her Brother in New York, your Memorialist's wife left his  
House and family, and has refused to return, tho' often  
urged by him, on account of her children, ~~by writing~~  
and Visa voice, and continues to live in that State which  
is a flagrant Violation of all civil and criminal laws, and  
of his defiance to Public Opinion and Moral authority,  
especially since by act of the last General Assembly,  
it is believed by her, that she has the same rights and  
privileges, as if she was free born, and had never been  
married.

Your Memorialist has already experienced the  
dreadful consequences of that act, by his wife having,  
treated him justly in the Street to Pistol him, when  
he was urging her by the tenderest terms and manner  
to return to his home in your Memorialist's house and  
family, by having sent out of this State, against his express  
direction, all his children, by inveigling from his service  
all his negroes which by a marriage Settlement were  
under his sole control, and of which she could only dispose  
by her testament at her Death, was not that instrument a  
fraudulent one, as it will be proved to be at the next session